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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. LISA MYRICK LUCAS

United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Lisa Myrick Lucas, age 31, of Caledonia, New York, pled guilty before Hon. Michael A. Telesca, United States District Court Judge to a felony information, charging her with one count of mail fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, carrying a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both; and one count of aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1), carrying a maximum penalty of 2 years to be served consecutively to any term of imprisonment under any provision of law.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant engaged in a scheme to defraud from August 2004, continuing through to December 2004, when she was working at K&H Precision in Honeoye Falls, New York. The defendant fraudulently ordered a company credit card in the name of an 86-year-old woman, who did not work for K&H Precision. The defendant then had the 86-year-old woman withdraw large amounts of cash using the credit card.

In another but related scheme, while her supervisor at K&H Precision was out of town, the defendant ordered credit cards using the supervisor's name and social security number. The credit cards were sent in the mail to K&H Precision. The defendant then took the credit cards, set up an internet account under the 86-year-old woman's name, and made internet purchases using the fraudulently obtained credit cards.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 7, 2005, at 9 a.m. in front of Hon. Michael A. Telesca, United States District Judge.

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